

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, March 16, 2023 – 3:00 PM
Location: Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third St., Detroit, Michigan 48226

- I. **Chairperson Bryan Ferguson called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.**
- II. **Invocation.** Chaplain Diane Oliver Hairston provided the invocation.
- III. **Introduction of Police Commissioners. A roll call was held, and a quorum was declared.**

Detroit Board of Police Commissioners' Membership / Attendance		
	In Attendance	Not-In Attendance
Bryan Ferguson, Chairperson	Yes	
Annie Holt	Yes	
Cedric Banks	Yes	
Willie E. Bell	Yes	
Linda D. Bernard, Esq.	Yes	
Willie E. Burton	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Yes	
Jesus Hernandez	Yes	
Rev. Jim Holley, PhD.	Yes	
Ricardo Moore	Yes	
QuanTez Pressley	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	11	

- IV. **Chairperson Ferguson** requested the approval of the Agenda for Thursday, March 16, 2023. The motion was accepted and adopted.
- V. **Chairperson Ferguson** requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for March 9, 2023, with any corrections. The minutes were adopted as presented.
- VI. **Introductions of Board administrative and investigative staff, the Chief of Police, Elected Officials or Representatives.**
- VII. **Chair's Report.** **Chairperson Ferguson** reported on BOPC and DPD activities and provided updates, and reports for the Board and the community.
- VIII. **Chief of Police Report: Chief of Police's Summary of CompStat Data and other Crime Information/DPD Information:** **Deputy Chief Franklin Hayes** reported on current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property; COVID-19 impacts; and recent critical incidents impacting the DPD and the community.

The following inquiries require responses from the BOPC and/or DPD: **Chairperson Ferguson** discussed members of the Office of the Chief Investigator interest regarding Crisis Intervention Training (CIT). **Vice Chairperson Holt** inquired information regarding the License Plate Reader (LPR) policy and whether CIT members were involved in the Michigan State Troopers incident. **Deputy Chief Hayes** stated that policy was approved by the Board in 2018, and CIT officers were on hand during the State Troopers incident. **Commissioner Burton** indicated his concerns regarding LPR technology and it appears that DPD is looking to increase 100 additional LPR across the city. What is the department's rationale for the increase, when DPD has integrated systems like Project Green Light and traffic mounted cameras. It feels like this technology is invasive, violates privacy, laws and rights; and is subject to misidentify. **Deputy Chief Hayes** stated the department uses this when a stolen vehicle alert goes out. **Commissioner Hernandez** inquired will LPR continue to be used to fight blight, illegal dumping, drag racing, or will it just be based on vehicle theft? Commissioner Hernandez asked to be enlightened on how the partnership works between other jurisdictions, including Michigan State Police and who will take over the investigation. **Deputy Chief Hayes** stated its base on vehicle thefts. As for who will be handling the investigation it's on a case by case basis. **Commissioner Pressley** discussed an incident where an individual was followed in an unmarked vehicle that seemed to be a fraudulent police officer trying to get the individual

to pull over. What advice would you give the community as the weather gets warmer regarding human trafficking and sex trafficking? **Deputy Chief Hayes** stated you should drive to a police precinct, or pull in a lighted area. **Commissioner Bernard** inquired could we received a presentation on the Homicide Task Force what it consist of and what it does. **Commissioner Holley** briefly spoke about Shot Stopper. **Commissioner Carter** stated the Wayne State University Urban Studies, Chief White, Council Member Mary Waters, and State Representative Tyrone Carter have partnered together to distribute over 600 car clubs and wheel locks to Detroit residents. **Commissioner Banks** inquired of the protocol for a safe precinct like the 3rd Precinct, do they help mentor, cultivate and nurture other precincts in the City of Detroit. **Deputy Chief Hayes** stated they share information to with all of the precincts about crime trends and strategies.

IX. Oral Communications / Public Comments.

Lieutenant Mark Young, Ms. Fredia Butler, Former Commissioner Jerome Warfield, Minister Eric Blount, Former Commissioner William Davis, Ms. Marguerite Maddox and Ms. Brenda Hill provided public comments.

Commissioner Banks spoke about allowing additional time during oral communications for an impaired speaker. After discussion from the Board. **Chairperson Ferguson** motioned “without objection to refer matter to the Personnel and Training Committee by the Board.”

X. Presentation to the Board – BOPC FY2023/24 Budget – Ms. Victoria Shah, Secretary to the Board, Board of Police Commissioners

- A. BOPC FY2023/24 Budget – Ms. Victoria Shah, Secretary to the Board, Board of Police Commissioners** presented on the Board's FY2023/24 Budget. The City's requested baseline budget is approximately \$3.872M, and the BOPC Department is requesting \$4.438M, a 13% increase to accommodate the Board's budgetary needs. The proposed BOPC FY2023/24 Budget is in compliance with City Charter mandates. The proposed BOPC FY2023/24 Budget maintains existing staff salary increases resulting in overall current salary budget increase max of 5%, each individual will depending on market analysis and performance. Administrative team restructuring to increase relationships, service, and effectiveness of the Board with the community; and align to NACOLE and business best practices. Improve community, Board, and staff experience during meetings with snacks, water, more literature, etc. If TASS investigators are not onboarded in time to use FY2022/23 funds, then this funding needs to be added to FY2023/24 budget to address the backlog. The next step includes City Council's Budget Hearing, Monday, March 20, 2023. The Budget Hearing will be accessible to the Board's Leadership, Budget Committee, and BOPC Board Secretary Shah will provide the presentation and answer questions on behalf of the Board.

Commissioner Bernard motion “to approve the Board of Police Commissioners Budget as presented”.

VOTE: YES = 10 NO = 0 ABSTAIN = 1 MOTION: ADOPTED

Yes: Chairperson Ferguson, Vice Chairperson Holt, Commissioners Banks, Bell, Bernard, Carter, Hernandez, Holley, Moore, Pressley
Abstain: Commissioner Burton

Chairperson Ferguson asked if there were any objections to adding Unfinished Business to the Agenda as Item 13. There were no objections the motion passed.

XI. Report from Board Secretary / Communication (Submitted to BOPC as incoming information).

Board Secretary Victoria Shah stated, there weren't any special correspondence submitted for today's meeting. For the Commissioners and the Community, these Secretary reports will start to evolve over time, as I work with the administrative and OCI teams to prepare reports and presentations that give transparency to how these teams are supporting the commissioners and the community in advancing police oversight. So far this week there has been primary focus on preparing for the City Council budget presentation. In addition, there has been a lot of activity including but not limited to: Getting to know the administrative and OCI team members and the Commissioners.

Starting a current state assessment. That will include an assessment of staffing, processes and procedures, technology, finance, and assets. Addressing the open positions currently in budget. Next week I will be adding into focus the OCI inventory to assist the Supervising Investigators with short term and long-term solutions for the backlog and inventory going forward.

XII. Announcements.

Board Secretary Victoria Shah announced the following:

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 23, 2023, at 3:00 p.m., at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third St., Detroit, MI 48226.

Next Community Meeting: Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., at King David Missionary Baptist Church, 18001 Sunset, Detroit, MI 48234.

Monthly Committee Meetings Schedule for April 2023 – Every 2nd Wednesday

Budget Committee Meeting	Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.
Personnel & Training Committee Meeting	Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.
Policy Committee Meeting	Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.
Citizen Complaints Committee Meeting	Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.

All Committee Meetings will take place in the Detroit Public Safety Headquarters

XIII. Unfinished Business.

Commissioner Hernandez commended Mr. Robert Brown and Supervising Investigator Ainsley Cromwell on their service during this interim process with no additional recognition or compensation.

Commissioner Hernandez motion “that the Board of Police Commissioners refer the matter of hiring the Chief Investigator to the Personnel and Training Committee and that the Personnel and Training Committee report back to the Board in two weeks from today.”

VOTE: YES = 7 NO = 3 ABSTAIN = 0 MOTION: ADOPTED

Yes: Chairperson Ferguson, Vice Chairperson Holt, Commissioners Banks, Bernard, Carter, Hernandez, Moore
No: Commissioners Bell, Burton, Holley

Commissioner Bell motion “that Chairperson Ferguson will provide a report on the offer process with Reverend Jerome Warfield and report back to the Board within two weeks.”

VOTE: YES = 5 NO = 5 ABSTAIN = 0 MOTION: FAILED

Yes: Commissioners Bell, Burton, Carter, Holley, Moore
No: Chairperson Ferguson, Vice Chairperson Holt, Commissioners Banks, Bernard, Hernandez

XIV. New Business.

XV. Adjournment.

Chairperson Ferguson adjourned the meeting at 5:21 p.m.